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“And he that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father. And I will give him the morning star.”

Revelation 2:26-28

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“If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:26,33

DISCIPLESHIP

*** WITH KNOWLEDGE COMES RESPONSIBILITY. ***

That – beloved – is a statement of the utmost seriousness. And to its awesome reality pointed Jesus directly when He said:

*** “And that servant which knew his Lord’s will AND
** PREPARED NOT HIMSELF...SHALL BE
** BEATEN WITH MANY STRIPES. But he that
** knew not...shall be beaten with FEW stripes. For
** unto whomsoever much is given, OF HIM SHALL
** BE MUCH REQUIRED.”*

Luke 12:47-48

Beloved of God, take august stock of your motivation in pursuing these studies. For, unto you is MUCH BEING GIVEN (in understanding), therefore shall much be required of you.

— In the days of Jesus' ministry, His disciples SAW THE DIVINE INSIGNIA (wrought in the works of God), therefore was MUCH required of them. And eleven of them measured up to their responsibility. His nation also SAW THE DIVINE INSIGNIA, but refused to take it to heart and live up to its responsibility. Wherefore, after a scant 40 years of grace, they were slaughtered, uprooted, and scattered to the four winds of heaven with a devouring sword at their heels.... While those nations which took His Word to heart (in a comparative sense with other nations) are the ones which forged to the very top in world leadership, in the standards of living, and in a true humanity (to fellow mortals).

**** OH SEEKER OF ETERNAL TRUTH, *you have come to a crucial stage in life!*** Truth, when positively demonstrated and proven to be THE TRUTH OF GOD, must be given an open channel unto fruitful expression. OTHERWISE SHALL THE FIRE OF HIS LIVING WORD CONSUME YOU! There is no escaping it!

Pray then, and PRAY MUCH that TRUTH shall find a full and free course in your life; that to the utmost of your strength and ability, you endeavor to IMPLEMENT TRUTH INTO YOUR LIFE; that you may BE DISCIPLINED THEREBY, to the end that you may be TRUTH'S DISCIPLE — bearing much fruit.

**** *“He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same***
**** *BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT.... If a man***
**** *abide NOT in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and***
**** *is withered, and men gather them and cast them***
**** *into the fire, and THEY ARE BURNED.” *****

John 15:5-6

True DISCIPLESHIP, said He, brings forth much GOOD FRUIT, but a rejection of Truth brings its dire consequences!

**** *“Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go***

** unto him at midnight, and say unto him: Friend,
 ** lend me 3 loaves; for a friend of mine in his jour-
 ** ney is come to me, and I have nothing to set before
 ** him? And he from within shall answer and say:
 ** Trouble me not, the door is now shut, and my chil-
 ** dren are with me in bed, I cannot rise and give
 ** thee. I say unto you, though he will not rise and
 ** give him because he is his friend, yet because of
 ** his importunity he will rise and give him as many
 ** as he needeth. And I say unto you: ** ASK AND
 ** IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU ** SEEK AND **
 ** YE SHALL FIND ** KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE
 ** ** OPENED UNTO YOU.

** “For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that
 ** SEEKETH findeth, and to him that KNOCKETH,
 ** it shall be opened!

** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a fa-
 ** ther will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish,
 ** will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall
 ** ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? – IF ye,
 ** then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto
 ** your children; how much more shall your Heav-
 ** enly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask
 ** Him?

Luke 11:5-13

The above is one of the sublime declarations by our Lord
 constituting A STUDY IN THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE and
 BEING, as well as prophetically revealing a portion of His
 Plan for the ENDtime, together with His counsel unto those
 who shall soon be in need thereof.

The writer knows of nothing rational or spiritually illumi-
 nating which has ever been said or written about this pro-
 found Scripture, save for an elaboration on the Lord’s clear-
 cut statement as to “importunity.”

True, since the Lord said so, we may rest assured that we should be insistent: that we should pray IN FAITH, and, IF need be, pray time and again, that “importunity” may be on our side. Yet assuredly, THAT is the least of the GOOD and of the TRUTHS here presented.

Nevertheless, it is grave danger that even in THIS (importunity) His teaching be misunderstood. For, there are many who try to apply this principle, praying time and again that the plague of indigestion be lifted, or that a new car may be won at the raffle!

IF we carefully study His statements, we find that He was not referring to requests of such a nature. THIS we shall get around to that many may profit abundantly. But first let us take a glance at another Scripture:

**** “So is the kingdom of God as if a man should cast
** seed into the ground; And should sleep and rise
** night and day, and the seed should spring and grow
** up – he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth
** forth fruit of herself: FIRST THE BLADE, then
** the ear; after that THE FULL CORN IN THE
** EAR.”**

Mark 4:26-28

**** “And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit
** that sprang up and increased and brought forth:
** some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred
** (-fold).”**

Parable of Sower: Mark 4:3-8

In these quotations from the 4th chapter of Mark’s Gospel, the salient factor we must observe is the repetition of the THREE groups or stages, namely: 1) First the blade – agreeing with the 30-fold; 2) “then the ear” answering to the 60-fold, and 3) “then the full corn in the ear” which agrees with the 100-fold yield.

Could you bear a moment while we look at the prophetic measure in the parable of the Sower? Or wasn't the Lord Jesus Christ irradiating from the Throne of Glory at the time He spoke this? Or maybe we should limit the Holy One of Israel, and parrot with the others while we slumber in spiritual apathy?

$$\begin{array}{r} 100\text{-fold} \times 10 = 1000 \\ 60\text{-fold} \times 10 = 600 \\ 30\text{-fold} \times 10 = \underline{300} \\ 1900 \text{ (years)} \end{array}$$

ADD this measure to the time that the Lord as "the Sower" commenced to sow the good seed, and it takes us to the present time when the "harvest" is at hand, and "the sickle is to be thrust in." (*"But when the fruit is brought forth, IMMEDIATELY HE PUTTETH IN THE SICKLE because the harvest is come."* – **Mk. 4:29**; see also **Rev. 14:18**) For, already we see how the "tares" are first being gathered into bundles (for the burning) so we know that IMMEDIATELY follows the "harvest."

Although the above elucidation of the sword's 2nd edge is as yet not a POSITIVE PROOF (through events fully transpired), yet we see how its MEASURE is in perfect agreement with numerous others – and that of vastly more to be revealed.

However, "prophecy" isn't everything, neither was it here the intention to dwell on the prophetic factors primarily. For, the sword proceeding from His mouth is a sharp TWO-edged Sword. Though we now study PROPHECY, we must not lapse into the same error – in reverse – as have the theologians who have entirely ignored the prophetic edge of His sword.

HEAR THE TRUTH: The first edge IS UNTO DEATH ("of the old man of sin" – **Rom. 6:6**) THAT A NEW LIFE

may flourish; while the other edge reflects His LIGHT unto the NEW MAN who has been born! Thus that dying we may LIVE, and that beholding we may UNDERSTAND – eventually coming into the 100-fold category.

Everyone is aware that Christians are not all of the same category or “caliber.” With some it is scarcely more than “skin deep,” while some, their light shines brightly.

Although we cannot here enter into the DETAILS (taken up in *THE TABERNACLE* Series), it must be clearly stated that our Lord specified 3 main categories of Christians: the stages of the BLADE, the EAR, and the FILLED EAR; or 30, 60, and 100-fold. Precisely THAT is what He was alluding to when He said: “...lend me 3 loaves....” The 3 loaves are the ultimate product of the good seed having yielded its fruit, netting 3 main categories. Or maybe it would be more easily understood if we say THAT portion of the True BREAD OF LIFE which genders unto the 30, 60, and 100-fold estate.

It should also be understood that the 30-fold is that group which commences to LOOK unto Christ for deliverance, but have as yet not had the “new birth.” The 60-fold are those who have been “born again,” while the 100-fold are the “full corn in the ear” who have also realized the Holy Spirit Baptism. (The details of this mystery are fully explained in *THE TABERNACLE* Series).

In its first casual perspective – as spiritually discerned – the teachings of our Lord in this parable of the friend at midnight, speak of God’s grace through Jesus Christ AS SUFFICIENT UNTO EVERY SEEKER.

Assume, then, that “a friend at midnight” comes to you for REST. In the dark hours of his life’s midnight hour of grief his turmoiled soul can find no rest; neither has he that which can nourish and sustain the inner man. His plight has brought him to stand before you. And such PHILOSOPHY

and REASONING which you may offer is as “nothing to set before him”! Therefore, you go to your “FRIEND” whom you are confident has ONE, TWO, or THREE loaves to set before you (for your own friend in need). This “friend” who has THE Bread of Life is, naturally, none other than the Blessed Redeemer. And though He might not wish to hear you merely because you call Him “friend,” yet for your IMPORTUNITY, He will arise and let you have as many loaves as you need.

In other words, unto the non-believer, the promise is SURE: one, two, or three – whatever is needed. IF he cares but for one loaf, it constitutes him a 30-fold Christian. But if his hunger persists and he consumes the 2nd loaf, he is then a born-again 60-fold partaker, while if he is not satisfied until he gets the third loaf then the promise is equally sure: “...how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit unto them that ask Him....” Or, perhaps the situation is slightly different: the wayfarer may already be in the 30-fold, or even in the 60-fold group, in which event only one or two loaves at the most will be needed.

“ASK and ye shall RECEIVE; SEEK and ye shall FIND; KNOCK and it shall be OPENED unto you....” Wherein the same Truth is drummed home to us; the Truth of the three categories of Christians. For, he who knows nothing, but will ASK, shall receive (UNDERSTANDING) abundantly, yielding a 30-fold increase for him. While he who has asked and received the understanding as to the true source of PARDON and of LIFE is then in a position to SEEK (the Kingdom of God), and he shall FIND that NEWNESS of LIFE which advances him into the 2nd category. With this newfound Strength insurging via the “incorruptible seed” of which he has been born anew, he may summon the strength to KNOCK that the PORTAL may be opened unto him. Once WITHIN he shall find a complete REST. THAT is the 100-fold, or “full corn in the ear.”

ASK forgiveness, and it shall be granted; SEEK the Lord of Life and He shall be found; KNOCK, and He shall open the portal entrance to the KINGDOM.

That we might have an abundance of material from which to draw a correct understanding, and grasp fully His teaching and His message of comfort, He added the illustration of an earthly father with a son. For, said He:

- 1) If the son ASKS for bread, will he be given a stone, or
- 2) IF for a fish, will he get a serpent? or 3) IF he asks for an egg, will he be given a scorpion?

“I AM the BREAD OF LIFE: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.”

John 6:35

Here we have His words that He is THAT Bread of Life: THAT bread which a son may ask for and receive, as above in #1. If the Bread of Life is truly asked for, then said He, a stone will not be offered!

In #2 we can blend in His other saying (both referring to the same) thus: if a son SEEKS a fish, he shall find it; neither will his Father provide him a serpent instead.... The BREAD and the inedible stone are easily grasped, but the fish and the serpent are less understood (by the multitude). In a previous Lesson we have seen how a FISH is LIFE within the depths of SOUL (water), bespeaking that MYSTERY OF LIFE for every human soul under SENTENCE TO DEATH (***“the soul that sinneth, it shall die” – Ezek. 18:4,20***). This MYSTERY OF LIFE is precisely what happens in the “NEW BIRTH,” where the mortal soul is INFUSED with the LIFE of Christ. Previously, the human soul was subject to death (***“fear Him Which is able to destroy [disintegrate] both soul and body in hell” – Matt. 10:28***), but after the New Birth, that human soul is infused with eternal life.

IF SEEKING this eternal life, said He, for your own soul or that of a friend who has come to you in quest – will He give you a serpent? The serpent symbolizes the treachery of the Evil One, working through the delusion of the senses, yielding the STING OF DEATH! In other words, IF you truly seek the Mystery of Life that your soul may be deathless – you shall FIND that LIFE; for, He will not deliver you to the serpent of death.

We should not overlook how important a part FISH played in the ministry of our Lord. There were two great catches, one at the commencement of His ministry and one following the resurrection. Again there were the two miracles of feeding with bread and fish (these are dealt with in *REBEKAH'S VEIL* by the writer). And these symbols of sustenance and soul-life have been preserved by the Churches even down to this day.

Finally, if a son will KNOCK for an egg, it shall be OPENED unto him!

The egg too has been recognized as a symbol of LIFE, but it is not generally understood that it is LIFE on even a higher plane of being. The fertilized egg holds the required factors of a NEW LIFE *complete within itself*. (A fish too is LIFE, but not COMPLETE within itself). Although there be many kinds of eggs, the one which our Lord spoke of would be the hen's egg – common for human consumption. This is a LAND bird, *yet capable of FLIGHT*. Thus, THAT completeness of LIFE portrayed by the egg, is that complete life in Jesus Christ which shall eventually develop the “glorified body” – a body capable of functioning both on earth as well as in higher realms! THAT is “the full corn in the ear,” or the 100-fold group of Christians.

And, said He, asking for an egg, will he be given a scorpion instead of the Holy Spirit? Hardly! Here the link is

inseparable between the egg and the Holy Spirit (-BAPTISM). Aside from the scorpion not being of the reptilian family, the outstanding difference is the STING OF DEATH in the serpent's MOUTH, while the VENOMOUS sting of the scorpion is in its TAIL.

Thus, when seeking eternal life for the soul, He assures us that the word (mouth) of DEATH shall not be given. And, in KNOCKING for A COMPLETED WORK of His Spirit (the LIFE-yielding egg of the Spirit-Baptism), He will not FINISH (tail) that work in the fashion of a scorpion's venomous sting.

We should also observe the truth and beauty of the symbology as concerns the bite of the serpent and the sting of the scorpion. While SEEKING for the New Birth ("YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN") the sting unto death is a POSSIBILITY (IF turning aside before finding). But once having been born of the incorruptible seed – which LIVETH and abideth forever – though you might turn away before the portal opened unto your KNOCKING, yet, even though you did step upon a scorpion, his sting is but highly irritating, NOT yielding *death*, even though illness sets in! For, the "gifts of God are without repentance" – blessed is His Name!

Finally, we shall look at the parable in its true prophetic light, to extract its soul-soothing message intended for these last days:

"Which of you shall have a friend and shall go unto him AT MIDNIGHT...?"

Luke 11:5

"And AT MIDNIGHT there was a cry made: behold! the Bridegroom cometh...."

Matthew 25:6

THAT – beloved of God – is ONE and the same! The

person going to his FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT to secure 3 loaves for the wayfarer agrees to the same moment and situation as when the Bridegroom comes AT MIDNIGHT. The 5 wise virgins had oil in their lamps, and they went with Him to the marriage, and the DOOR WAS SHUT. But the 5 foolish ones had no light by means of which to go with Him, so they had to “go and buy” for themselves. THAT is the wayfarer seeking shelter and food. When the wise virgins arrived at the wedding, they entered and the “DOOR WAS SHUT.” Likewise answers the FRIEND who has the Bread to lend “...*the door is now shut* and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.”

THAT is the tragic perspective of the situation approaching. Countless thousands and millions of Christians have been lulled to sleep (“they SLUMBERED and SLEPT”) by pernicious doctrines parroted by a sleeping clergy. They have been caused to believe that having accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, THAT is ALL there is to it: that they have the New Birth as well as the Spirit Baptism. Yet the Truth of the situation, as revealed by the Spirit Light, is that comparatively few of them have the Spirit Baptism (100-fold, or full corn in the ear), while some have not even the New Birth! Therefore, when the Bridegroom comes for His bride, only a small percentage of the professing Christians will possess the blazing lamps enabling them to go with the bridegroom in the blackness of night. Beloved, make no mistake about it, where the ear has not been filled, there just isn’t anything to take (up). Our Lord does not propagate the doctrine of “the lesser of two evils,” neither the better of two imperfections. He will accept nothing short of 100-fold! (“*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father...in Heaven is perfect*” – Matt. 5:48.) That PERFECTION or 100-fold estate of the filled ear is not to be achieved by the individual in his own strength, but only through the indwelling Holy Spirit which FULLY SANCTIFIES the Tabernacle and all of its paraphernalia.

Thus, in that “hour of the thief in the night” when the precious jewels shall be found missing, then shall the cry of lamentation arise. For, countless Christians resting (slumbering) in a false hope shall find themselves without light and without shelter and *without bread!* It is *then* that the unfortunate WAYFARER commences to KNOCK. It is *then* that the other “Friend” replies: “The door is shut and my children are with me in bed.”

Here again is where the Churches have been perpetuating the “doctrines of men.” For, the bulk of them seem to agree that when the “rapture” of the saints have taken place, the Holy Spirit is withdrawn from the earth, making it impossible for any more to reach through to God. THAT is utterly UNfounded: the inventions of man. The chief Scripture used to support such deceptive babble is *II Thessalonians 2:7* where it speaks of “...he who now hinders will hinder until he be taken out of the way.” Here the “he” to be taken out of the way, say they, is the Holy Spirit which departs with the bride. When, or where is the Scripture which labels God a “hinderer”? THAT – beloved – is the office of the Adversary! He, and he only, does the Word of God declare to be a hinderer (see *I Thess. 2:18*). 'Tis he who shall be revealed by the brightness of the Lord's coming, who shall then be “taken out of the way” that the “mystery of iniquity” (*II Thess. 2:7*) shall no longer “hinder” or DELAY the “revealing of the Lord Jesus Christ from Heaven with His mighty angels – in flaming fire taking vengeance on them who know not God...” (*II Thess. 1:7-8*).

“And lo, I am with you ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world [age]. Amen.”

Matthew 28:20

THEN shall the KNOCKING commence; the demand for BREAD from heaven shall be great: 1 loaf, 2 loaves, 3 loaves! Many unconverted shall realize their tragic need, and ask for

3 loaves. THEN, even *though* He were loath to rise because of being a “friend” yet because of the INSISTANCE, He shall arise and give as many as are needed! (Shame on you who teach that the Lord of Compassion will be callous in contrast to the MAN of the parable!) For, in those days when the heavens shall open to pour down “the latter rain,” then shall the SECOND Pentecost dawn, ushering in the “harvest of the Lord.” What!? did you suppose the Lord’s harvest is to be scant and meager like the gleanings left in a miser’s field? Clearly states the INbreathed Word:

**** “The King’s daughter is all glorious within; her
** clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought
** unto the King in raiment of needlework; the vir-
** gins HER COMPANIONS that FOLLOW HER
** shall be brought unto thee.”**

Psalm 45:13-14

What!? Do we need clearer language to be told that the virgin-companions of the King’s daughter shall FOLLOW her, and be brought unto the Great King? To “follow” her means that they will arrive later! Or don’t you suppose that the Bride of Christ shall need any Bridesmaids? Or who shall be the EXTRAS to make up “the household” of God? But perhaps we shouldn’t expect such questions answered by those who “sleep in the night.” Yet NOW is *the daybreak!*

– THEN shall be an abundance of *bread* coming down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and NEVER DIE (*Jn. 6:50*)! In fact, THAT is what many shall do – *never die!* Then shall the Father’s table be lavishly laden, that WHO-SOEVER WILL may have an abundance – even to the THIRD helping!

The Parable of the Friend at midnight does not seem to give the answer as to the interval of time separating between the Bride and her companions that FOLLOW. But other Scrip-

tures indicate that the time will be 3½ years, running through the Great Tribulation except for its last two weeks:

**** “The Lord of that servant will come in a day when
** he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is
** not aware, and will cut him in sunder AND WILL
** APPOINT HIM HIS PORTION WITH THE UN-
** BELIEVERS!**

**** And that servant which knew his lord’s will, and
** prepared NOT himself, neither did according to his
** will SHALL BE BEATEN WITH MANY
** STRIPES!”**

Luke 12:46-47

Let not the 30 and 60-fold Christians get lulled again to sleep by misapplied Scriptures such as:

**** “Jesus Which delivered us from the wrath to come.”**

And,

**** “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to
** obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

I Thessalonians 1:10 and 5:9

The “wrath” here spoken of is twofold: 1) the wrath as in contrast to “salvation,” and 2) the “seven vials of wrath” which are poured out by the 7 angels (**Rev. 15:7-16:1**). But observe carefully: those 7 vials of wrath are limited to the first 14 days of Tishri (the 7th month of the Jewish calendar) WINDING UP the Great Tribulation.... “The virgins her companions that follow her”: the 5 foolish virgins who later secure their oil; yes, this tremendously vast array of the Lord’s Harvest shall ascend on **“the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised ** incorruptible, and WE SHALL BE CHANGED” (I Cor. 15:52).**

THAT takes place at the opening of the Feast of Trumpets

(1st of Tishri), 3½ years following the departed “5 wise virgins.” (The full scope of Scripture dealing with these details are to be found in *REBEKAH’S VEIL*.)

Here, perhaps it would be in place to extend a word of counsel to those who personally study Scripture, and love to quote it for the edification of others! First, ask yourself the question:

*** To *whom* was this spoken, or to *whom* addressed? ***

For assuredly we have no right to PICK Scripture here and there – whatsoever appeals to the soul – and affirm that THAT applies to us (or self) *UNLESS* there is proper justification for so doing! For instance, the passages recently cited from *I Thessalonians* as to being saved from wrath. To WHOM was Paul writing? To the CHURCH in Thessalonica. And WHO constituted the “church” in Apostolic days? *Spirit-FILLED* people who had been *baptized with the Spirit-fire of God*: people in the 100-fold category! And to make this clear and to leave room for no misunderstanding, he states pointedly: “...which is IN God the Father and IN the Lord Jesus Christ. ...knowing brethren beloved, YOUR *ELECTION OF GOD*.” And in most of his other epistles unto the various churches he is even more specific to point out the SPECIFIC and ELECTED group to whom he is writing. Therefore, PROMISES specifically directed to the 100-fold “church of the firstborn,” MUST NOT BE APPROPRIATED AS FALSE SECURITY by those NOT in that category!

Therein lies the explanation for the five FOOLISH virgins, and for the “servants” who shall have “their portion appointed with the Unbelievers” and for that servant “who shall be beaten with *many stripes*!” For today a parroting clergy caters to an apathetic, self-indulgent congregation which have been LULLED TO SLEEP by countless promises not applicable to their spiritual status. For on a wholesale scale has

the “pill” been swallowed: “JESUS PAID IT ALL,” implying that there is nothing left for the Christian to do except to “BELIEVE.” ...But such false doctrines of men do away entirely with the need for “DISCIPLESHIP” of which Jesus spoke so much in such terms as: “BEARING ONE’S CROSS and FOLLOWING HIM” (*Lk. 14:27, 9:23*). And again in the BRINGING FORTH OF *FRUIT* – 30, 60, or 100-fold. Clearly did He say that the good seed was sown *in the human heart*. As we do not plant wheat in America or Canada and reap the harvest in Europe so similarly must the seed sown *IN THE HEART* bring forth its fruit *OUT OF THE HEART!* But when the simple and the stupid and the lazy swallow the false teachings of parrots that there is NOTHING for the Christian to do except to “believe,” then His Word brings forth LITTLE – IF any – fruit from the human heart which received the Word-seed. Thus shall come about “*his house BROKEN THROUGH* in the hour of the midnight thief” and the “many stripes” apportioned unto those who receive their lot WITH the unbelievers. There the very wording itself clearly indicates that they are BELIEVERS. Yet must they bear the MANY STRIPES! Why? Because they DID not according to His Will, neither PREPARED themselves. Here again ACTION is implied and DISCIPLESHIP involved. For “preparation of self” involves the *DISCIPLINING* by the Word of His Spirit!

So many are deluded into believing that the “fruits” brought forth are measured in the amount of dollars given to the church or to charity, or to the visiting of the sick. Yet this too is the “doctrine of men!” “Good works” ought we to do: they ARE EXPECTED of us; and the more “fruit” that His Word-seed yields in our hearts, that much more GOOD WORKS will we manifest. The “good works” are the RESULTS of the “fruit” brought forth.... As to the “seed” being sown in the human HEART, see *Matthew 13:19*.... Wherefore, until a PURE and UNSULLIED GOODNESS dwells in and irradi-

ates from the human heart, a person is no latter-day “disciple” of Jesus Christ, neither has His Word brought forth appreciable “fruit!” And where blasphemy, lies, and shoddy practices are resorted to, His Word has taken but little root! (if any)!

We shall now commence a brief scrutiny of the Logos Divine Incarnate, with reference to some of the “miracles” and peculiarities attendant his death and resurrection, in order to see as to whether or not these ACTUALLY TRANSPIRED, or if they are but the inventions of adoring minds and excessive imaginations. (How it behooves us to KNOW OUR ground!)

The three first Gospel recorders all agree that from the 6th to the 9th hour, DARKNESS covered the land. That would be from 12 noon until 3 p.m. However, since clocks and watches were not in those days, the more approximate sundials served. Therefore would it be folly to postulate that such times and “hours” as given were PRECISION (to the minute). Yet we may reasonably suppose them to be close enough to the factual to clearly portray The MASTER’S Hand, leaving His Divine insignia – IF it is the TRUTH in which we deal! For, of necessity did He have to leave His Divine Insignia to silence forever every mouthy fool, yet leave sound evidence unto every Doubting Thomas. For, IF Jesus was Divine, then think not for a moment that God reserved FULLY SATISFYING EVIDENCE unto only one doubting Thomas out of countless millions! God is and forever shall be FAIR and JUST – *treating all alike!*

It is very apparent that the DURATION OF DARKNESS while Jesus was upon the cross must be construed as prophetic of that “night of darkness” during which the work of His atonement progresses midst sorrow and suffering, with THE FATHER’S FACE *HIDDEN....* As the Sun typifies to man the effulgence of the Father’s face, so must we under-

stand that its blotting out bespeaks that DARKNESS which should come upon the world until that triumphant cry rings out

*** IT IS FINISHED! ***

Since Jesus declared there were 12 hours in a work-day, and He came to GIVE HIS *LIFE* for the world, we realize that He worked but *ONE* (= life) day. Thus as previously explained, this measure of 21 years ($21 \times 2 = 42$ years) must be applied to the prophetic aspect in Jesus' life. Hence, the 3 hours of darkness while He hung on the cross becomes THAT fraction of a solar day times 42 (with reference to the solar year: 1 day = 1 year = 360 days *ORIGINALLY*).

Thus:

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{3 \times 42 \times 360}{24} = 1890 \text{ years, added to that time:} \\ \quad \quad \quad +30 \text{ to 35 A.D.} \\ \quad \quad \quad = 1920 \text{ to 1925 A.D. as termination of darkness.} \end{array}$$

But it must be observed that since 3 hours equate to 1890 years, then 1 hour will yield 630 years, while *ONE MINUTE* equates to 10.5 years. Yes, ten-and-a-half years for every minute!

Therefore, if we wish to be realistic, and assume that the given time could have been a few minutes out, we see at once the possibility of *PRECISION AGREEMENT* with countless other prophecies both open and veiled. For, at the preceding ratio

$$3' = 31.5 \text{ years}$$

$$4' = 42 \text{ years}$$

Thus, *IF* the darkness ran from 3 to 4 minutes *OVER* the stipulated 3 hours, then that would add from 31 to 42 years of prophetic time to the darkness of His agony, bringing its termination up to the decade of the 1950's, while a full 4 minutes over would run it as late as 1962 to 1967 (which saw the

capture of Jerusalem by the Israelis, and 10 minutes would take us to 2009...)!

Beloved in Jesus Christ, can't you behold the infinite PATIENCE of a loving Savior to *CONFORM every detail* to the Divine Pattern, unto the end that we ALL might KNOW Him, as well as to give us positive discernment as to THESE DAYS in which we live? Can you behold this mighty array of UNANIMOUS prophecy indefinitely and still DO nothing about it? Since you *KNOW* "the Lord's Will" you have entered into RESPONSIBILITY, and you have been commanded to DO something about it! First, to assiduously CULTIVATE that Word-seed within your own heart that it may bear fruit in profusion. Secondly, to take of that FRUIT to share with others, that MANY may be added to that multitude which shall REJOICE TOGETHER. Or shall many be beaten with stripes because YOU failed to live up to your responsibility?

Even NOW you should sit down to decide what you CAN and what you WILL DO about it.

NOTES:

QUESTIONS

THE PROPHETIC LOGOS LESSON #9

66a: Are you personally aware of what God expects of you, and what He requires, as you come into a broadened understanding of God and His Plan? (Answer Yes or No: if the latter, then REstudy Lessons 8 and 9).

b: WHAT is it that God REQUIRES when your understanding has been increased?

67a: Specify the three NUMBERED groups of Christians.

b: To what do they agree in another of His parables?

c: Show the three stages in Christian experience which correspond to the three numbered groups, and His other parable.

68a: What admonishing INJUNCTION did Jesus give to show that God is not satisfied with part, nor with 1/3rd nor even with 3/3rd measures?

b: Can we reasonably expect God to pluck blades or empty ears from off this earth for transplantation into Heaven?

69: What do the THREE LOAVES at midnight typify?

70: Symbolically, what is the difference between the bite of the serpent and the sting of the Scorpion?

72: Make a fairly full statement of the significance to us of the 3 hours of darkness while Jesus hung on the cross. (There will be two parts to this answer.)

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**** PREPARE, OH ISRAEL, ****

*** TO MEET YOUR GOD. ***

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ANSWERS

THE PROPHETIC LOGOS LESSON #9

66a: A careful reading of the Lessons should here enable you to say “YES.”

b: As man’s UNDERSTANDING increased, so does God expect of man to DO something about it; that is, MEASURE UP to one’s responsibility. “Unto whom much has been given, of him shall the more be required.”

67a: The three numbered groups are 30, 60, and 100-fold.

b: These agree with what He termed the “blade, the ear, and then the full corn in the ear.”

c: The three stages in Christian experience answering thereto, are: The repentant sinner turning to God for DELIVERANCE from sin, and the forgiveness of sins committed – this is the 30-fold Blade. The 2nd stage is that of being “BORN AGAIN” when the Word of God is received into the human heart, that man may be “a new creature in Jesus Christ” – this answers to the 60-fold, or the “ear.” While the 3rd stage in Christian experience is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, when the human “tabernacle” is “SANCTIFIED by His glory” – this nets “the full corn in the ear.”

68a: “Be ye PERFECT, even as your Father in Heaven is PERFECT.”

b: Since Heaven is a place of being far more exalted than the earth, we cannot reasonably expect God to transfer di-

rectly from earth to Heaven anything but that which has found a FULL DEVELOPMENT on earth.

69: The 3 loaves at midnight typify the Word of God and Spirit-blessing which genders unto the three stages of Christian experience as above.

70: The bite of the serpent may easily be FATAL, while the scorpion's sting can only cause much distress and illness. Thus the 30-fold individual MAY come to spiritual DEATH through the serpent's bite, while the truly BORN AGAIN can only be stung by the scorpion at the worst.

71: In its first phase, the darkness while The Crucified awaited death, speak to us of that great NIGHT OF DARKNESS with the glory of the Father's face hidden, which should envelop the earth because "men would slumber and sleep." Secondly, the 3 hours of darkness show us prophetically that our sands of time are now ALMOST SPILLED, and that we must be "PREPARED TO MEET OUR GOD!"